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SUBJECT: KENYA/ETHIOPIA MILITARY COOPERATION

REF: ADDIS ABABA 8993

- 1. DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMSEC KIEREINI CONFIRMED TO DCM THAT DEFENSE QUESTIONS WERE ALSO DICUSSED DURING 27TH MEETING OF JOINT ETHIOPIAN/KENYAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD JULY 29-31 IN ADDIS ABABA. BRIG. PETER KAKENYI, CHEIF OF STAFF OF KENYA MOD, REPRESENTED GOK IN MEETING OF JOINT DEFENSE COMMISSION WHICH WAS HELD COMPLETELY APART FROM OTHER MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.
- 2. KIEREINI STATED THAT BILATERAL DEFENSE RELATIONS
  BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES REMAIN "EXCELLENT" AND THAT
  RTHIOPIANS HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY PLEASED BY CONTENTS
  OF SPECIAL MEMORADNDUM ASSURING THEM OF ACCESS TO
  CERTAIN KENYAN FACILITIES IN EVENT OF WAR. MEMORANDUM
  INCLUDED ASSURANCES THAT KENYA AIRFIELDS WOULD BE MADE
  AVAILABLE TO ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE AND THAT PORT OF
  MOMBASA COULD BE USED FOR SHIPMENT OF MILITARY AND
  OTHER ITMES DESTINED FOR ETHIOPIA. KIEREINI SAID
  THAT THIS MEMORANDUM HAD BEEN PERSONALLY APPROVED BY
  PRESIDENT KENYATTA. WHILE KENYANS HAD IN MIND POSSIBILITY OF WAR WITH SOMALI WHEN MEMORANDUM DRAWN UP,
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KIEREINI SAID NEITHER MEMORANDUM NOR MUTUAL DEFENSE

AGREEMENT SPECIFY POTENTIAL ADVERSARY COUNTRY BY NAME
AGREEMENT SIMPLY STATES: "AN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST
ONE OF THEM SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN ATTACK AGAINST THE
OTHER."
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